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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY), BR
SUBJ: PRESIDENT'S VISIT: COMMUNIQUE

REF: STATE 61432

1. AFTER CHECKING WITH SILVEIRA, FOREIGN MINISTER'S SPECIAL SECRETARY FOR BILATERAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS SARDENBERG TOLD CHARGE' THAT BRAZILIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD SOME KIND OF JOINT STATEMENT ON CONCLUSION OF PRESIDENT'S VISIT IS POSITIVE, SUCH A STATEMENT BEING CUSTOMARY HERE FOR CHIEF OF STATE VISITS. HE SAID THAT THE STATEMENT COULD TAKE THE FORM OF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE SIGNED BY BOTH PARTIES OR A LESS FORMAL JOINT PRESS RELEASE, AS WAS THE CASE WITH THE PEREZ VISIT (SARDENBERG ADDED THAT THE GOB HAS HAD IN MIND ADOPTING THE PEREZ VISIT TYPE OF STATEMENT AS A NORM, BUT IS ENTIRELY AGREEABLE TO WORKING UP A SIGNED JOINT COMMUNIQUE IF THAT IS OUR PREFERENCE).

2. SARDENBERG SAID GOB UNDERSTANDING IS THAT TRADITIONALLY THE HOST COUNTRY PRESENTS A DRAFT OF PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSION FIRST. HE SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE US HAS SOME SPECIFIC PROPOSALS, BOTH SIDES COULD PRESENT DRAFTS FOR DISCUSSION SIMULTANEOUSLY. BRAZILIAN SIDE WILL BE REFLECTING ON THIS SUBJECT DURING THE WEEK, HE SAID, AND COULD PROBABLY BE READY TO
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MEET ON THE SUBJECT ON MARCH 17.

3. CHARGE' EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS MERELY INQUIRING AS TO GOB ATTITUDE, AND THAT NO DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED AS YET IN WASHINGTON.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE HARD TO EXPLAIN AVOIDANCE

OF SOME KIND OF JOINT STATEMENT, AND SEES GROUNDS FOR HOPING
THAT REASONABLY SUBSTANTIVE DOCUMENT COULD BE WORKED OUT.
PLEASE ADVISE.
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